

**Fiscal Services Division**  
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SF 485 - Greenhouse Gas Regulations (LSB 2223 SV.1)

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Fiscal Note Version – Committee Amendment H-1603 to SF 485

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**Description**

Committee Amendment H-1603 to SF 574, as passed by the House Environmental Protection Committee, adds the following responsibilities for greenhouse gas emissions:

- Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to implement a method for collecting data from producers of greenhouse gases by January 1, 2008.
- Requires the DNR to establish a voluntary greenhouse gas registry system for the purpose of cooperating with other states to reduce the overall generation of greenhouse gasses.
- Requires the DNR to post greenhouse gas information on their web site by January 1, 2009.
- Creates an Iowa Climate Change Advisory Council and specifies the membership. Includes four non-voting members from the General Assembly and specifies the Governor will appoint the Chairperson.
  - Specifies the Council will develop scenarios to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Specifies the DNR will provide staff to assist the Council.
  - Specifies the Council will submit a proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2008.
- Requires the DNR to submit an annual report by September 1 of each year to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing greenhouse gas emissions in the State during the previous year and forecast trends for the future. The first report will be submitted by September 1, 2008.

**Assumptions**

The DNR estimates the costs related to implementation will include:

- \$76,000 and 1.00 FTE position for an Environmental Specialist Senior.
- \$6,000 for administrative support and \$5,000 for supplies.
- \$13,000 for lodging, meals, travel, and related expenditures for four Council meetings.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact of Amendment H-1603 to SF 485 is an estimated increase in expenditures to the DNR of \$100,000 and 1.00 FTE position for FY 2008, and an increase in salary expense and potentially some travel expense each year after.

**Source**

Department of Natural Resources

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.

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